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## **West Valley City Mayor & Council Join Employees in Belt-Tightening Measures**

West Valley City – Mayor Mike Winder and the rest of the West Valley City Council have decided to cut their salaries for the equivalent of one week's pay to be in line with city employees who have been asked to take a 40 hour furlough as part of efforts to balance this year's city budget. Because elected officials do not have vacation days like other City employees, they were not originally included by City staff when the other employees were required to take a one-week furlough.

"It seems like we should be willing to take whatever sacrifice we ask our employees to take," said Councilmember Don Christensen, who came up with the idea, "and I was pleased Mayor Winder and my colleagues all readily agreed."

In late February, West Valley City required all employees to take a 40-hour furlough by June 30<sup>th</sup> to help with a \$4.5 million shortfall in the City's budget.

Mayor Winder added, "It is a team effort by West Valley City employees to balance our budget this year, and everyone—including the elected officials—are part of that team."

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